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Upcoming Events

Law Conference

It's time to register for the Utah Special Education Law Conference! The law conference will be held 3 days! -July 31, August 1, and August 2 at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. Registration is open May 1 – July 23 at http://www.rrfcnetwork.org/mprrc/

Tourette Syndrome Conference

The Tourette Syndrome Conference will be held June 8, 2007 at the Red Lion in Salt Lake City. Contact Nina Thompson for registration information at 801-538-7864.

Online Writing Programs

Vendors will be demonstrating online writing programs at the Granite District Lab on May 23rd from 8-5 pm. The list of online writing programs available to LEAs is in your folder. For additional information contact Lois Richins at lois.richins@schools.utah.gov

Rtl Teleconference

There is still room available for anyone who wishes to participate in a teleconference on Universal Screening and Rtl. Contact Nina Thompson @ 801-538-7864 for information.

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"Class, I've got a lot of material to cover, so to save time I won't be using vowels today. Nw lts bgn, pls trn t pg 122."

Utah Network for Mentoring Excellence (UnME).

Do you know a blind youth who might wonder: What now? What will I do after graduation? How can I be successful as a blind person? How do I choose my own career path? Can I juggle a family and career?

Through the National Center for Mentoring Excellence (NCME), and locally through the Utah network for Mentoring Excellence (UnME), blind young adults are connected with successful blind role models who help to answer these questions. Planned activities and workshops facilitate the mentoring relationship while providing a fun and exciting atmosphere that empowers you to dream big and become more than you ever thought imaginable. For more information please contact Cheralyn Braithwaite Creer at 801-651-5504 or mentoring@nfbutah.org

Conference Registration

Next year all USOE/UPDC conference registrations will be online. If an LEA wants to know who has registered from their district/charter school, simply contact your USOE/UPDC Specialist or their Secretary for the names.

No Teacher Left Behind Videos

The No Teacher Left Behind Videos are now available!

To access the videos, visit the http://pioneer.uen.org/ website and use the eMedia link. If you type "praxis" into Quick Search you should be able to find the videos.

Utah's Participation and Accommodations Policy for UPASS

Utah's Participation and Accommodations Policy for UPASS is in the process of being revised. If you have any suggestions that you would like considered for the revision, please send me the suggestions by June 1, 2007. My email address is wendy.carver@schools.utah.gov. The revised policy will be available on the USOE webpage on July 1, 2007. Revisions will be made in red.

Year End 618 Data Report forms

The Year End 618 Data Report forms are on the USOE Special Education web site and need to be completed by June 30, 2007. The reports that are due are the Discipline Report, the Personnel report, and the state LRBI report. The Exit report is now done through the clearing house year end data collection for your district. There are some changes in the reports that you need to be aware of. We do have to report inschool suspension as best we can. This was bounced around by the feds but they now require it to be part of the discipline report. The personnel report is somewhat simplified in that you do not have to determine the endorsements for your teachers, but you do have to report if they are highly qualified or not. Instructions in filling out these reports are included with the reports on the web site.

High Cost Student Data

The Data on low incidence high cost students is due to Cal Newbold by June 15th 2007. These are students that cost more then 3X the average cost of providing an education per student in Utah or approximately \$15,000. The forms used to collect this data are on the web site. Preschool students are eligible for consideration this year. The instruction sheet for the 4 forms, which include pre-school students, students in resource rooms, students in special classrooms, and students in special schools are also on the web site. Last year 18 LEAs submitted data. With limited State funds and our Federal funds we have just over 1 million dollars to help you in providing services to the high cost students with disabilities in Utah Schools

Highly Qualified Funds

Funds for providing assistance to get special education personnel highly qualified runs out this September and needs to be claimed before September 15th 2007 so we can flow that money out to you and not lose it by having to send it back to the Feds. Fill out the request for reimbursement forms on our web site to get this money.